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U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
ATTN: Dr. Jane Summerson
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Las Vegas, NV 89134

Dear Dr. Summerson:

My staff completed review of the Rail Alignment EIS. The following comments are provided for your consideration.

- 1 [We could not find a long-term monitoring plan. Even though the modeling efforts indicate thousands of years before some contamination would be seen, given uncontrollable acts occur, are you just relying on this information or are you planning to continually monitor the site? How can we be sure that 10,000 years from now this site will be properly managed?]
- 2 [We would like to see a noxious weed plan prepared to deal with the weeds at the repository. It would seem more logical to ask for a weed plan in the Rail EIS. The staging area around the portal might be impacted by noxious weeds. The staging area will receive trains from around the US and any weeds brought in on transport vehicles are a mechanism for noxious weed transport.]

If you have any questions, please direct them to Jeffrey G. Steinmetz at 702-515-5097.

Sincerely,

Juan Palma
Field Manager